(b) the number of districts of Bihar State covered in the above said programme;

(c) whether Muzaffarpur and Vaishali districts of Bihar have been selected for being covered under the said Programme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) to (e) Drinking Water Supply is a State subject and schemes for providing drinking water facilities to rural habitations are implemented by the States. Taking into account the magnitude of the problem and to accelerate the pace of coverage of problem villages, the Government of India introduced Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) as one of the programmes to supplement the efforts of the States and the Union Territories. The ARWSP is for all districts of all the States including those in Bihar, to be implemented by the respective State Governments.

A part of the ARWSP funds is utilised for implementation of Sector Reform projects in 63 pilot districts across 26 State identified by the State Governments to institutionalise community participation in rural water supply activities so as to ensure sustainability of the systems and sources used for providing drinking water supply Vaishali district of Bihar is also one of such pilot districts. The project in respect of Vaishali has been sanctioned at provisionally estimated cost of Rs. 40 crores and Rs. 11.22 crore has been released as first instalment. The project implementation in Vaishali district is at its initial stage.

Cost of JPM Act 1987

3163. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the provisions of JPM Act 1987 have proved very costly to the domestic consumers and the National Economy;

(b) if so, whether Government have prepared any cost analysis since 1987 if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government received an estimate in May, 2000 that the cost has been more than one lakh crore rupees; and

(d) if so, whether the same has been verified and actual estimates made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Government has not estimated the cost to domestic consumers or national economy on account of JPM Act, 1987.

(c) and (d) Government has received a representation from All India Flat Tape Manufactures' Association, Bangalore indicating one lakh crores of Rupees of estimated national loss. These figures are not supported by data and have not been verified. However, cement and urea have been exempted from the provisions of the JPM Act, 1987.

Export of cotton yarn and garments

3164. SHRI K.M. KHAN Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the value of exports made of cotton yarn and readymade garments from the country during the last three years, years-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that economically it is not gainful to export raw-cotton; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to reduce the export of raw-cotton and the value of raw-cotton actually exported during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) The value of exports of cotton yarn and readymade garments from the country during the last three years year-wise is as under:-

(in Million US $)

Year (April-March)	Cotton Yarn	Cotton Garments
[illegible]-1999	1415.86	3761.5
1999-2000	1543.82	3875.6
2000-2001	1418.65	3761.5